



Image

RCE/1753

PTO/SB/30 (05-03)

Approved for use through 4/30/2003 OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	10/068,283
Filing Date	02/05/2002
First Named Inventor	Scherer et al.
Art Unit	1753
Examiner Name	McDonald, Rodney Glenn
Attorney Docket Number	CIT.PAU.01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

Deposit Account No. _____

04/20/2004 MAHNE1 00000087 10068283

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

01 FC:2801

385.00 DP

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)

Daniel L. Dawes

Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)

27,123

Signature

Date

April 14, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print / Type)

Nancy V. McElrath

Signature

Date

April 14, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing the burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Patent
CIT.PAU.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:
Scherer et.al.**

**Examiner: R.McDonald
Group Art Unit: 1753**

Serial No.: 10/068,283

Filed: Feb. 5, 2002

**For: Dry Etching and Mirror
Deposition Processes for Silicone
Elastomer**

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION
37 CFR 1.114**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed March 8, 2004 and the Office Action mailed Jan. 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and grant the request for continued prosecution. Attached is the RCE transmittal form and a check for the required fee.

Claims 1 – 20 were original in the application. Claims 16 – 20 were cancelled as withdrawn. Claims 21 – 25 were added. Claims 2, 3 and 5 – 13 have been allowed. Claims 4, 14, and 15 have been indicated as allowable if amended as last proposed. Therefore, claims 2 – 15 are submitted as being allowed or in allowable condition. Claims 1 and 21 – 25 remain at issue.